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UM HOSTS DELEGATION FROM NORWAY

MISSOULA—

In fall 2007 The University of Montana and the University of Tromsø, Norway, established an international partnership for academic exchange.

A University of Tromsø delegation now is at UM to introduce the work being done in various departments and graduate programs at their university.

Hildegunn Bruland, senior executive officer and social sciences faculty member at the University of Tromsø, will speak at noon Monday, April 21, and again at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 22, in University Center Room 329. Her presentations are free and open to the public.

Established in 1968, the University of Tromsø is the northernmost university in the world. It has the standard array of faculties in humanities, social science, medicine, science and law and also is the home of the Norwegian College of Fisheries Science.

Students come from more than 70 countries to study at the university, which offers numerous classes and several graduate programs in English. One is a master's program in indigenous studies, sponsored by the Centre for Samí Studies. The Samí are a large European indigenous people traditionally living in Sàpmi, or Sameland, a Nordic area formerly called Lappmarken or Lappland that covers parts of Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia.

The university also offers innovative master's programs in peace and conflict studies

and in visual cultural studies.

Next year several Norwegian students will attend UM, and a University of Tromsø faculty member will visit the University under a faculty exchange program.

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